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SUBJECT: FOREIGN DIPLOMATS' OBSERVATIONS ON ALLEGED U.S.

BOMBING OF SIEM REAP

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1. ON FEBRUARY 26 PHNOM PENH RADIO ALLEGED THAT U.S. PLANES BOMBED THE PROVINCIAL TOWN OF SIEM REAP ON FEBRUARY 25. BOTH THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY BANGKOK HAVE DENIED THESE ALLEGATIONS AS "RIDICULOUS". WE ARE UNABLE TO DETERMINE AT THIS POINT WHAT ACTUALLY DID TAKE PLACE.

2. ON MARCH 4 RADIO PHNOM PENH ANNOUNCED THAT THE ENTIRE DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN PHNOM PENH, INCLUDING VISITING DIPLOMATS, HAD BEEN INVITED TO INSPECT THE DAMAGE IN SIEM REAP. IT QUOTED VISITING ZAMBIAN ENVOY ANDREA MASIYE AS SAYING THAT "ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE, PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT KNOWN THAT THE COLD-BLOODED MURDER OF THE PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA AND THE SAVAGE DESTRUCTION WHICH TOOK PLACE HERE IN SIEM REAP WAS AN ACT OF THE UTMOST BARBARITY. THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE ARE A PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST EMERGED VICTORIOUSLY FROM A STRUGGLE FILLED WITH GREAT SACRIFICE AGAINST THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR LACKEYS....." SWEDISH DIPLOMAT KAJ BJORK WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "SWEDEN HAS SUPPORTED THE EFFORTS OF THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE AGAINST AGGRESSION

AND FOR INDEPENDENCE. DURING MY VISIT TO CAMBODIA I HAVE WITNESSED THE VAST EXTENT OF THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY THE WAR, AT WHICH I AM GREATLY SADDENED. TODAY, WHAT I HAVE SEEN HERE IN SIEM REAP REMINDS ME OF WHAT IT WAS LIKE IN OTHER COUNTRIES DECADES AGO DURING WORLD WAR II."

3. THE VISITING DIPLOMATS FROM EGYPT, TUNISIA AND AFGHANISTAN WERE NOT QUOTED. NONE OF THE NON-COMMUNIST DIPLOMATS WERE SPECIFICALLY QUOTED AS DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTING THE BOMBING TO THE U.S. ALL THE COMMUNIST DIPLOMATS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE FROM CHINA AND YUGOSLAVIA, WERE QUOTED AS DOING SO.

4. ADDRESSEE POSTS EXCEPT PEKING ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THEIR HOST GOVERNMENT TO EMPHATICALLY DENY THAT USG PLAYED ANY PART IN THE INCIDENT IN SIEM REAP AND TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WOULD APPARENTLY LEND THEMSELVES TO THIS BLATANT ANTI-U.S. PROPAGANDA EFFORT BY CAMBODIANS.
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5. USLO SHOULD CONTACT AS APPROPRIATE VISITING DIPLOMATS ON THEIR RETURN TO PEKING TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ON INCIDENT AND ON THEIR REACTIONS TO IT. WITH ANY WHO SEEM TO ACCEPT THE CAMBODIAN ACCOUNT, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT THE CHARGE THAT U.S. PLANES BOMBED SIEM REAP IS ABSOLUTELY FALSE. KISSINGER

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